

Remark

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 1, 12, and 17 have been amended. No Claims have been cancelled. Therefore, claims 1-21 are present for examination.

35 U.S.C. §112 Rejection

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 12 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 1, 12, and 17 are amended in an effort to traverse this rejection.

35 U.S.C. §102 Rejection

Kamiya et al.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-21 under 35 U.S.C. §102 (e) as being anticipated by Kamiya et al., U.S. Publication No. US 2002/0106086 A1 ("Kamiya"). Kamiya shows e.g. in Figure 4, a decryption server³³ coupled to an output device 34, such as a speaker, projector, display unit, etc. The encrypted digital data goes from the reception server 31 to the decryption unit 35A. The decryption unit decrypts using a restored key made from a combination of key A1 (18) and key A2 (32).

The decrypted digital data is passed in the clear to the content decoding unit 35C for decoding and then to the scramble unit 35D. The scramble unit scrambles the digital data using a scramble key obtained from the scramble control unit 36. The scrambled digital data is then passed

to the output device descramble unit 34A to be descrambled using a descramble key from the scramble control unit. The scramble key and the descramble key may be the same.

Claim 1, however, recites "simultaneously decrypting and re-encrypting the encrypted content using a combination of the first and the second cipher streams." There is no suggestion in Kamiya of simultaneously decrypting and re-encrypting nor of using a combination of a first and a second cipher stream. Kamiya using a combination key for decryption only. Another key, the scramble key is used to scramble. Importantly in Kamiya, the decryption unit and the scramble unit perform separate unrelated processes using two different keys. The decryption and the scramble process cannot be simultaneous because there is a content decoding process in between.

On at least these grounds, Claim 1 is believed to be allowable over the reference. The remaining claims 2-21 are believed to be allowable for the reasons provided above as well as for the limitations expressly set forth in each claim, respectively.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections have been overcome by the amendment and remark, and that the claims as amended are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the rejections be withdrawn and the claims as amended be allowed.

Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

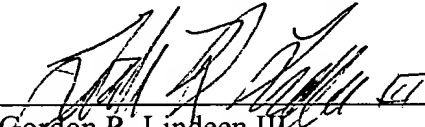
Request for an Extension of Time

Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension. Charge our Deposit Account.

Please charge any shortage to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,
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